

A bill for an act
relating to education; creating a training initiative for character development;
appropriating money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP.**

Subdivision 1. **Good citizenship.** Habits of good citizenship promote and support constitutional and responsible democratic government. These habits are enhanced by character development as set forth under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.232.

Subd. 2. **Character development education training.** The commissioner shall establish a pilot training initiative for Minnesota schools in the common ethical and moral principles that encourage the development of good citizenship to advance the goals of character development under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.232.

Subd. 3. **Eligibility; application.** Interested teachers and principals under contract with any elementary or secondary school in Minnesota may apply for good citizenship character development education training in the form and manner the commissioner shall determine. The commissioner shall select up to 200 persons per year to receive training.

Subd. 4. **Contracting and evaluation.** The commissioner shall contract with the Caux Round Table to prepare and provide individual training programs for use in the good citizenship character development education training and with other appropriate institutions as necessary. The commissioner shall evaluate and report to the legislature the outcome of the training that includes annual measurements of student attendance, disciplinary incidents, parental involvement, and test scores.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.1	<u>The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the</u>		
2.2	<u>commissioner of education for the fiscal years designated:</u>		
2.3	<u>\$</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>2010</u>
2.4	<u>\$</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>2011</u>